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Nationals to Play Catholic University---Griff After Pitchers

Griff Expects to Sign Five Young Twirlers

Hopes to Land One Good One Out of Bunch.
Nationals to Play Catholic University on
April 1—Other Gossip.

By WILLIAM PEET.

In addition to the eight pitchers on the Nationals' reserve list, Manager Griffith expects to sign up about five more between now and the time set for reporting next spring.

"The pitchers I propose to grab," said Griffith yesterday, "are all youngsters, recommended to me by friends out through the Middle West. I have a long list of twirlers, and just as soon as I am able to get a good line on them I will pick out half a dozen, order them to report in Charlottesville, and look them over. If I am lucky to get one good man out of the bunch—and such a thing is possible—the Washington club will be the gainer. The pitchers will only cost us their railroad fare and board during the training season."

Griff announced yesterday that he had signed Guy Johnson, a big right-hander from the sand lots of Vandalia, Ill. Johnson has been burning things up around his section of the country, according to the information received by Griffith, and it is worth while taking a chance.

The idea is a good one. Washington fans will remember that Walter Johnson was little better than a semi-pro when Cliff Blakenship dug him up from the wilds of Idaho. Johnson cost the Washington club just the money spent in transportation, and although he has drawn a top-notch salary during the last three years, he is worth every cent, and no one can tell when a phenom like Johnson will be brought to light.

Another college nine has been added to the Nationals' early spring schedule. Last afternoon Manager Griffith gave the Catholic University a game, which will be played on the Florida avenue ball yard Monday, April 1. This makes four contests with college teams, Virginia, Georgetown, and Yale are the other clubs on the list.

Manager Jimmy Woods, of the Brooklanders, called on Griffith yesterday afternoon and asked for a game. Woods told the Washington manager what sort of a record the Catholic University nine established last spring, and in less than five minutes he had a game. "I'll give you a game," said Griffith, "I'll give you a game."

Woods left the office in a happy frame of mind. He declares the Brooklanders will be just as strong as Georgetown, and hopes to make even a better showing against the professionals.

From a Washington standpoint little of interest transpired at the annual meeting of the big leagues in New York last week. Griffith disposed of Wild Conroy to Rochester, obtained the needed waivers on Kild Elberfeld, and was the central figure in a thousand trade rumors.

During the three days Griffith spent in New York he was reported to be angling after Jack Knight, of the Highlanders; Mortality, of the Detroit Tigers; Bill Bailey and Lefty George, of the St. Louis Browns, and a couple of National League players.

These proved to be only rumors, as Griffith had nothing to trade for the men named, and big league clubs these days seldom dispose of their men by an outright sale.

As was predicted, Harry Wolverton was signed to manage the New York Yankees. The other new managers were all on hand—Harry Davis, of Cleveland; Jimmy Callahan, of the Chicago White Sox; and Jim McAlister, of Boston.

In point of numbers, the big meeting broke all previous records. For a winter, the National League wound up its affairs in the remarkably short period of two days, and adopted a short playing season, and to the gratification of the American Leaguers.

It was interesting to hear the good wishes showered on Clark Griffith from friends and acquaintances. The writer buttonholed Griffith in the Waldorf Monday afternoon, and it took exactly twenty minutes to get the manager away to a quiet spot for a short talk. "Good luck to you, Griff," "Glad to hear you are in Washington," and "You're looking great," were a few of the many compliments heaped on the old fox.

The Washington Herald announced last week that Kild Elberfeld would refuse absolutely to play ball in the Eastern League. The story to the effect that Talasco had retired from the game does not ring true.

Elberfeld will never quit baseball as long as he can stand on his pins. Billy Smith, the manager of the Chattanooga Southern League club, has a ten-day option on the Kild, and if he can come to satisfactory terms with the player, the deal will be closed this week.

Elberfeld wants to play with Chattanooga, as that city is only a few miles from his home. He will in all probability captain the club and hold down second base.

The Nationals' early exhibition games thus far arranged are as follows:

Wednesday, March 27—Georgetown, at National Park.

Friday, March 29—Philadelphia National, at National Park.

Saturday, March 30—Baltimore Orioles, at Baltimore.

Monday, April 1—Catholic University, at National Park.

Thursday, April 4—Boston Nationals, at National Park.

Friday, April 5—Boston Nationals, at National Park.

Saturday, April 6—Yale University, at National Park.

Monday, April 9—Brooklyn Nationals, at National Park.

Tuesday, April 10—Brooklyn Nationals, at National Park.

These dates make up by far the most attractive ante-season schedule ever arranged for the Nationals, and by the time he completes his list Griffith believes he will have one of the best schedules in the country.

Virginia Welcomes Nationals.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Charlottesville, Va., Dec. 16.—

The board of faculty advisers of the University of Virginia have

acted favorably in regard to a

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Washington. Catchers—Clarke,

Cincinnati; Carrigan, Boston.

Pitchers—Cobbie, Philadelphia;

Coile, Chicago; Camnitz, Pitts-

burg; Crandall, New York. Utility

—Collins, Chicago.

The "M" team is:

Infielders—Mowrey, Cardinals;

Merkle, New York; Mortality, De-

troit; McNinja, Philadelphia; Mc-

Bride, Washington, and Miller,

Pittsburgh. Outfielders—Magee,

Philadelphia; Murphy, Philadel-

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MEETS ZBYSZKO IN NEW YORK CHRISTMAS NIGHT.



GIAVONNE RAICEVITCH.

Big Italian wrestler, who has been matched with Stanislaus Zbyszko at Madison Square Garden, New York, Christmas night. The big foreigner claims the Graeco-Roman championship of Europe, and says he has learned enough of the catch-as-catch-can game to toss any grapplers in this country at the present time. Raicevitch is a mountain of muscle and brawn, and apparently the only question in regard to him is whether he has speed and the science to cope with the others. Notice how his hair is shaved off—an old custom among foreign wrestlers.

EASY FOR NAVY.

Middies Defeat Medicos in Basket-
ball Game.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Annapolis, Md., Dec. 16.—The Annapolis midshipmen opened their season of basketball games here to-day by smothering the five of Baltimore Medical College under a score of 40 to 12. The Baltimoreans were completely outclassed in all departments. Wenzell, the Navy captain and left forward, showed his old time form. He scored more than half his team's total points, netting 11 field goals and 5 goals from the foul line.

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SIX-DAY EIKE RACE RECEIPTS \$100,000

New York, Dec. 16.—That this year's bike race has been a bigger gold mine than ever before was testified by Pat Powers. It was said the total receipts were \$100,000, giving Powers a clean profit of \$25,000.

"Six-day racing will positively be continued next year," said Powers. "I have just signed a five-year contract with the management of the new arena, which is to take the place of the Garden, along with the Horse Show, the auto show, and the other big sporting events."

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FOGLER AND CLARKE

WIN SIX-DAY RACE

Early Sprint Puts Winners

to the Good.

FINISH IS A TAME ONE

No Mad Sprint in Last Few Laps, as

Leaders Were Too Far Ahead.

All Records for Attendance and

Casualty List in Last Long Grind

in Madison Square Broken.

HOW RIDERS FINISHED.

Contestants. Miles.

Fogler and Clarke.....27.18.8

Kramer and Moran.....27.18.8

Halstead and Drobach.....27.18.8

Pye and Collins.....27.18.8

Cameron and Magin.....27.18.8

Demara and Lawrence.....27.18.8

Lorenz and Soldow.....27.18.8

Hill and J. Beall.....27.18.7

L. George and Broeze.....27.18.7

Lapize and Van Houwaert.....27.18.6

Madison Square Garden, New York, Dec. 16.—Joe Fogler, of the National A. C., of Brooklyn, and Jack C. Clarke, of Melbourne, Australia, serving as a team throughout, won the annual international six-day bike race, which came to a close in Madison Square Garden to-night. No heart-throbbing mile sprints to decide the final positions of the leaders was necessary for this combination to establish their supremacy over the pick of the world's best riders, for they won with a lap to spare. They had sprinted twenty hours before the termination of the contest, at a time when the balance of the riders were unprepared for the mad sprint which gave the Clarke-Fogler pair their insurmountable advantage of a lap on the entire field.

The race was a record-breaker in many respects. Though the distance traversed far from approached the record, almost every other mark was obliterated. For one, the attendance record was shattered; the number of spills exceeded that of any other similar contest, and the casualty list surpassed that which graced any other race in recall. Every rider had his share of falls and contusions, and a few of them will carry scars to bear quite testimony to their part in the last six-day race in Madison Square Garden.

Constant buckering by the riders characterized the final day, or, since Clarke and Fogler make their hold and successful bid for victory at 2 a. m. Saturday. The manner in which the victorious pair secured their winning advantage was identical to that of two years ago, when Clarke, with Walter Rutt as a partner, stole a lap on the field. To-day, as then, Clarke chose the final day for his furious dash, only this time he encountered less opposition in lapping all the other riders.

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EPIPHANY WINS.

Church Team Defeats Kendall A. C.

Quint.

In the Epiphany Church gymnasium last night the Episcopallians defeated the Kendall A. C. basketball team, 38 to 20. The game was rough throughout. Scott, the former Business High School player, was the star.

Line-up and summary:

EPIPHANY. KENDALL A. C.
Scott, R. F. Knefe, R. F.
Foster, L. G. Davis, L. G.
Conner, L. G. Wilson, L. G.
Carter, L. G. Baker, R. G.

Goals from free-throw: (5) Scott (5); Blommer (2); Conner (2); Carter (2); Hansen (2); Knefe (4). Baskets from free-throw: (2) Scott (2). Referee—Mr. Green. C. U. Time of halves—20 minutes.

Both De Oro and Johnny Daly are to be in our midst this week. Verily, things begin to liven up a bit.

George Washington expects to run an indoor meet this winter. The Hatchets are anxious to climb back into the sporting spotlight.

Cotton Harrison, manager of Donnelly, the roller skater, wants to return a compliment handed him at the Arcade Friday night. Ask him what it was?

Here are a few things that did not happen at the big baseball pow-wow in New York last week:

Charley Ebbets did not trade Ed Walsh. Ban Johnson did not concede by some one else. Horace Fogel did not quit.

Mr. Britton refused to be smothered out of the National League meeting.

The Boston Red Sox did not get George Meltz.

Charley Ebbets is probably figuring how he can get back at Murphy, the C. U. Cub. The Brooklyn boss will find way, you can bet on that.

The old Sheephead Bay race track has been sold to a real estate syndicate. Washingtonians remember the track well, many having paid it a visit during the rainy days of racing.

A well-known alumnus of the University of Virginia says that one reason why the Nationals are not going to be welcomed with open arms by the university faculty is because many of the students will continually cut classes to watch the professionals practice.

Old Mercer, of the New York Globe, who has been in Cuba with the Giants, returned in time to take in the last day of the baseball meetings. Mercer declares that any American or National League club presenting its entire strength can go over to the island and clean up. Incidentally the Giants established a good record, winning the majority of the games.

Says John B. Foster, of the Evening Telegram:

"A baseball pool. Kind printer, please be careful and do not spell it with an 'f' instead of a 'p.' Second thought: After all, it might not make much difference. It goes both ways."

Before proceeding further, will the "National Association of Amateur Billiard Players" kindly state when, according to its definition, an amateur billiard player is not a professional? Without intending to shape the answer to one question by asking another right on top of it, isn't an amateur billiard player, in theory as he is in practice, a person who has not yet made sufficient money to attach himself by the link of a salary to the consolidated makers of the tools?

We might inquire also if there are any amateur billiard players in this country who enter tournaments and matches and travel strictly on their own, but we'll put that when the other two problems are cleared up.—Chicago Tribune.

NEW LUNG TEST RECORD.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 16.—"World's Champion Wind Jumper" is the title accorded to Harry S. Knox, a fifteen-year-old student at the University of Washington, who has broken all records in lung tests by blowing 433 cubic inches on the gymnasium sphygmometer. The former record was 390 cubic inches and the average 288.1. Knox is six feet three inches tall and weighs 127 pounds.

Basket-ball Team Challenges.

The Hero Club basketball team challenges any 115-pound five in the district or vicinity. Address A. G. Chouinard, 317 Fifth street southeast.

Georgetown Five Loses; C. U. Trounces Frederick

St. John's Cancels at Last Minute and Collegians Are Substituted, Beating Regulars—Brooklanders in Fine Form.

Catholic University started its basketball season last night by defeating Frederick College, 29 to 13, in Convention Hall skating rink. The Brooklanders jumped right into the lead at the start and kept it all the way. During the first half the boys from Maryland looked dangerous, as their passing was good and they were in possession of the ball most of the time, but they had no eyes for the basket, and all their work did not avail them much. The Red and Black quint showed much improvement in teamwork since their game with the Corcoran Cadets last Wednesday. Lambert, Catholic University's tall center, got the jump on the Maryland center the greater part of the time, and McDonnell and Croghan easily worked the ball down under the basket for shots. Capt. McDonnell, of the Brooklanders, was easily the star of the game. He did some clever dribbling and scored five baskets, most of them difficult shots.

Trumbull, the former Georgetown Prep star who played at left guard for the Red and Black, showed up well, covering his man tight at all times, and getting two baskets himself. From his work in last night's game it is probable that he will make a regular berth on the Brookland team.

At the start of the second half the Frederick team took a sudden spurt, and it looked for a time as if they would tie up the score. Thomas, the left forward, played about the best game for his team. He scored five of their eight field goals, and figured a good deal in their teamwork. Capt. Albaugh, at center, also played a good game, intercepting many of C. U.'s long passes. Croghan, at forward, for the Brooklanders, was a little off color, as he missed a great many shots, but his clever floor work more than made up for this.

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